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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ

**REF: STATE 294995** 

1. WE WILL BE MOST PLEASED TO ASSIST MR SOLARZ IN EVERY WAY, AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS WITH THE KING, CROWN PRINCE FAHD, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD, DEFENSE MINISTER SULTAN, OIL MINISTER YAMANI, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, MR PACE OF NEW YORK TIMES, US MILITARY ATTACHE; ALSO WITH US ADVISORS TO THE SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD, THE SAUDI DEVELOPMENT PEOPLE, AND A TOUR OF JIDDA PORT, ALL OF THESE APPOINTMENTS HAVING BEEN REQUESTED BY CODEL SOLARZ.

2. WE NOTE THAT CODEL PLANS TO ARRIVE JIDDA 0925 DEC 22
AND REMAIN HERE UNTIL DEC 25 WHEN HE WISHES TO DEPART FOR
DAMASCUS AT 0935. DURING THIS PERIOD, WHICH INCLUDES MOSLEM
NEW YEAR (WEDNESDAY, DEC 22) FOLLOWED BY THURSDAY-FRIDAY WEEKEND,
SAUDI OFFICIALS LISTED ABOVE DO NOT RECEIVE VISITORS. IT WILL ALSO
INCLUDE CHRISTMAS EVE AND THE MORNING OF CHRISTMAS DAY WHEN
MANY AMERICANS IN THE GROUP MENTIONED ABOVE WILL EITHER BE
ABSENT OR ENGAGED IN RELIGIOUS AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES, WHICH I
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FEEL SURE CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ WOULD NOT WISH TO DISTURB.

- 3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THE CODEL SELECT ANOTHER DATE FOR HIS VISIT TO JIDDA WHEN ALL CONCERNED WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ASSIST HIM. IF CODEL CANNOT CHANGE THE DATES FOR VISIT HERE AS CONTAINED REFTEL, WE WILL DO OUR BEST FOR HIM. DUTY STAFF WILL BE PRESENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 FAM 111.3.
- 4. I NOTE THAT CODEL WISHES TO GET THE VIEWS OF INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE PROSPECT FOR RENEWED ISRAELI-ARAB NEGOTIATIONS, TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPLICATION OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE US ROLE IN THE AREA, AND TO ASSESS THE US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF US ASSISTANCE. BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT SAUDIS WILL BE MORE INTERESTED IN HEARING TO WHAT EXTENT HE REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT ON THESE SUBJECTS. CODEL CAN EXPECT TO BE QUESTIONED AT LENGTH BY ALL THOSE WITH WHOM WE SUCCEED IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS.
- 6. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE FIRST SECRETARY JESSE LEWIS WHO IS KNOWN TO CODEL. PORTER

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